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Streamline



Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

February 12th - "Everything You Don't Know About The Brazos River"

February 21st - Broken Arrow Events Pond Fish Out Day

February 28th - Mystery Fly Outing at the LIR

NEW MEETING LOCATION - SEE ARTICLE BELOW

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

A Message from Your President



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

As I write this message, my thoughts keep wandering down the rabbit hole of the future of this organization. It seems like all too often, I hear about a fly shop closing or a group struggling to exist amongst the many distractions that plague us in modern society. The fact is we live in the information age where anything you want to learn or buy is just a few clicks of the mouse away. The need to learn from someone else in person has subsided to casting lessons from YouTube. This leads me to the question of what value this organization delivers to its membership. Information, instruction, engagement, conservation efforts, legislation wrangling, and community involvement are aspects that define this club. In my opinion, we have an excellent group of leaders who work in the background to deliver to make this club what it is.

My interest today is to encourage you to be active with the club in such a way that a future president doesn't have to deliver a message that we are dying on the vine. Let's meld this club into what we need or want from it with the resilience to stand the test of time. I hope all of you who can come tight on a good one and utilize the backbone of your favorite rod.

Everything You Don't Know About The Brazos River



Russell Husted

Our speaker chair, Donovan Clary, thought you might want to carry your fly rod across state lines and seek adventure on the Brazos River in Texas.

Therefore, he sought out the foremost expert on the subject in the person of Russell Husted. Please review his short bio:

Russell Husted began his fly fishing journey late in his 40's, but has since been making the very best of it, both in regards to fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, conservation, and as an avid volunteer.

President and Founder of Texas Council FFI
Education Director of Fort Worth Fly Fishers
Conservation Board Member FFI
Trout Unlimited Member
Gold Level Casting FFI Casting Skills Development Program
Social Media Director of Texas Council FFI & Fort Worth Fly Fishers
Fly Fishing Business Owner of Fly Fishing Over 50
Fly Fest Originator and Lead Volunteer

I also wanted say goodbye to the old meeting location at the Hardesty Library and inform you that most of our future meetings will be in the Mickey Mantle room at Scheels in the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa. In March, the meeting location will be at GCFC (Green Country Fly Company) for a fly tying event. We have some excellent opportunities to join in the fun with upcoming events as well.

On a side note, we are seeking a Social Media volunteer. Please reach out if you have that special skillset, time, and desire to serve alongside some fishy fellas and gals..

Many thanks to all of you who keep the machine oiled.

Tight lines,

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Field Trips Scheduled

Christmas break is over and so far, we are not hearing of any disasters at participating TIC schools. That's always good news because it's a long period of time where the tanks aren't attended to on a near daily schedule.

Now, we start to prepare for release field trips to the lower Illinois River.

Schedules so far are: Sapulpa Middle School, Tuesday March 3rd...Jenks Freshman Academy, Thursday March 5th...Tulsa Met High School, Tuesday March 10th ...Sands Springs Page Academy, Thursday March 12th... Undercroft Montessori, Tuesday March 31st...Keifer High School, Thursday April 2nd...Union High School, Thursday April 30th...Kellyville Elementary, Monday May 11th ... with more yet to schedule.

Members of DWTU420 can volunteer to help at any release. Sometimes it's only to help keep eyes on students who have never experienced the lower

Leader of the Colorado Brigade

His rapid learning curve and his active participation in all things fly-fishing in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area should provoke you to find out more.

Be the first in our club to hear what Russell has to say and discover our new meeting location at Scheels.

Date: Thursday, February 12th

Time: 6:30 PM

**Where: Sheels Tulsa, Mickey Mantle Room,
2nd Floor.**

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Sheels, Woodland Hills Mall, 6929 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK 74133.

Doors open at 6PM with the meeting commencing at 6:30. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Henceforth, with occasional exceptions, we will be conducting our monthly meetings at the [Sheels store](#) at the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa (the official address has been noted above). See also the highlighted Google Map link for assistance in finding your way.

Here is a simple guide you may find useful in navigating your way to our new location:

1) We will be meeting in the Mickey Mantle Room on the 2nd floor.

2) Park at the North Main Entrance to Sheels

Illinois River. Other volunteers can help with a fly-casting clinic that all students and teachers are encouraged to participate in. Plus, we do invertebrate studies in the river and offer some fly tying. (observing flies being tied that match what we find in the river)

A typical day begins at the Watts WMU around 9:30 to 10am when the bus or buses arrive. Students and their fingerling trout are escorted to the river and the fish are released. Discussions take place about the river; it's history and the trout that live there. After the release, we load up the students and move to the lower parking lot near the dam where we offer fly casting demos, observe invertebrates in the river and the students can observe fly tying.



Trout Food

Buses are usually back on the road to school by 1pm. Many of the volunteers stay to fish providing the river is in favorable condition for that. (You're there anyway so why not?)

To learn more or to volunteer please contact Scott Hood, Youth and Adult Ed coordinator for DWTU420 Chapter @ TU420edu@gmail.com

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator
Dave Whitlock Chapter #420 Trout Unlimited

LIR Safety Tips

Carry This Email With You

Gore Police Department: [918-489-5963](tel:918-489-5963) or 911



3) Enter Scheels and walk passed the cash registers and turn Right.

4) Look ahead - see Ginna's Cafe. Just before entering the cafe turn Right and see a hallway containing two elevators.

5) Enter the elevator of your choosing and ride to the 2nd floor.

6) On the 2nd floor turn Left (and follow the EXIT sign before the bench). Go Through the Double Doors.

7) The Mikey Mantle Room will be the first room on your left. There will be a sign posted outside the room door.

Editor's Note: Come early and dine in Ginna's Cafe. They make a great B.L.T. on sourdough.

Help and Fish ... Broken Arrow Events Park / Pond

Your Help Requested

Looking for volunteers to help with Fly Fishing Clinic and Fish Out Saturday Feb 21. Weather permitting ... 10am to noon.

We'll have demo rods for volunteers to use while you show interested people how to cast a fly using a fly rod. Just the basics. You don't have to be a "certified casting instructor" to help. No need to sign up to help. **Just show up at 9:30am and offer to help.**

Local Game Wardens – [918-431-2550](tel:918-431-2550) or [918-431-2544](tel:918-431-2544)

(to report fishing/hunting violations)

Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

If cardiac, call for help, start hands only CPR, pushing downward 2 inches on center of chest to the beat of “Staying Alive” by the Bee Gee’s. If possible, please note time when CPR is initiated. Landmarks to assist emergency response: The Dam, Lower parking lot, Watts, and MarVal’s. Also, let them know which side of the river you’re on. Accurate information will allow for quicker response time.

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah County team.

If a medical transfer is needed, they will LifeFlight from the baseball field in Gore to either Muskogee or Sallisaw hospital.

Always a good idea to carry baby aspirin and Benadryl in your fishing gear. Also, a first aid kit in your vehicle shows that you think ahead.

Let’s help keep our fellow angler’s safe.

Life saving instructions courtesy
Nurse **Binnie Jones**.

Etc

Scribblers Unite!

“As a streak of daylight crests the horizon, the lonesome cry of the jackalope breaks the silence of the fisherman wading surreptitiously into the river. Quickly, he casts his homemade fly(designed to imitate the mating dance of the crusted zwieback) into the awaiting riffle.”

Our readers are a dedicated bunch of anglers, and they don’t want to read about how you came to love fishing despite the relentless beatings you endured each time your father caught you with his fly rod. Your stories must start with a bang. You must cut right to the chase, so to speak.

After ... stay and fish. In the past a standard black jig under an indicator has produced.

Events Park is located at 21101 E. 101st St in Broken Arrow. Just east of the Creek Turnpike. Parking is now available on the WEST side of the pond.

Mystery Fly Outing

Join us on **Saturday, February 28th** for our 8th Annual Mystery Fly Tournament. This fun event will feature a fly that should fish well on our local home water, the Lower Illinois River. We’ll meet in the Watts parking lot at 8:00AM. Flies will be available for a \$5 donation.

Initially, everyone will have the opportunity to purchase one fly. Once everyone has acquired a fly, if there are any left, the rest will be made available for an additional \$5.00 donation per fly. After checking in and getting your fly you do not have to stay at Watts. All legal, public, access areas of the river are open to the tournament.

Tournament scoring begins at 9:00AM and ends at Noon. Please return to Watts for lunch and to turn in your score.

We’ll have prizes for the most trout caught, biggest trout caught and the most species caught.

Lunch is provided by TU420 and will be served at 12:30 in the Watts parking lot.

8th Annual TU420 Mystery Fly Tournament Watts WMA, Lower Illinois River

Saturday, February 28th

8:00AM Sign Up @ Watts Area
\$5 donation per fly(bring your cash)

9:00AM Scoring Begins

12:00PM Scoring Ends

12:30PM Results and Lunch @ Watts Area

See you there!

Please forward your completed works in **Word format** and don't forget your **pictures** (JPEG) to: [Bruce Brewer](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

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Another Tip

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Those using those addresses may not receive their Streamline. You can complain to your email provider or you can provide us with a gmail or yahoo address. Please consider this, if you are not receiving your Streamline, and we have your correct email. **Remember the first place to look, if you don't see your Streamline in your inbox, is in your Junk Mail.**

February Raffle Prize

Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

Attention Please:

If you are looking for the opportunity to learn more about fly fishing, hands on ... or if you know someone that wants to learn to fly fish and you don't want to be the teacher here's your chance to avoid the issues that can take place between instructor and student.

Participants can discover the joy of connecting with nature at the only 5-hour indoor fly-fishing clinic of its kind in the area. This hands-on class teaches the when, where, and how of catching Oklahoma game fish with a fly rod—an experience perfect for families or anyone looking to spend meaningful time outdoors. Learn essential skills including equipment basics, terminology, casting techniques, knot tying, and more. No equipment required—just bring your sense of adventure and a readiness to explore Oklahoma's natural beauty together.

The clinic will be held Saturday, March 21st from 9am to 2pm at the Jenks High School Aquatics center. It's at first, a classroom setting, then a break out occurs where participants will move from station to station for knot tying, fly tying demonstrations and fly casting, most importantly, hands on and done on WATER.



The cost is \$60 and all proceeds go to DWTU420 for use on the various programs offered by



Our February Raffle Prize is a fly box chick full of salt water and striper patterns. The prize is valued at \$100...considering the flies cost \$2.50 to \$5 each.

Bring your cash to donate. Tickets are \$1.00 each with a price break beginning with 6 tickets for \$5.

You must be present to win.

All losing tickets can be entered into our Annual Prize awarded in November.

Pat Daly Scholarship Update



Cameron Miller

We are proud to announce the first recipient of the Pat Daly Scholarship Award: Cameron Miller.

DWTU like the Trout In the Classroom program.

You can click this link that will take you directly to the sign-up form for the clinic.

[Jenks Community Center](#)

Who was there to Hear the Roar

We had an excellent turnout at our January outing to the Roaring River State Park in Missouri. The weather was almost warm, usually the water freezes to the eyelets of our fly rods. This time it was only cold.



RR Group Shot



RR Veterans

This event is always special because we have the privilege of having a veteran's group join us.

Don't miss attending our Roaring River Outing next January.

January Raffle Winner

MAJOR: Natural Resources and Ecology
Management

SCHOLARSHIP: Pat Daly Memorial Endowed
Scholarship in Fisheries and Aquatic
Ecology

HOMETOWN: Stillwater, Oklahoma

CLASS YEAR: Senior

Cameron writes to us:

Dear Donor,

"Scholarships, student loans, and donor funding are the only way I have to afford a college education. Being a non-traditional student with no personal financial support has made paying for college quite hard. There have been several occasions where a couple hundred dollars was the difference between continuing my education or returning to full time employment, It is only with the support of scholarships and donors that I have been able to continue my education."

Cameron goes on to say that after graduation he would like to pursue a career in research and teaching at the college level. Therefore, in the coming semester he is looking to getting accepted into a good graduate program and procuring the necessary funding.

We wish Cameron well in his future endeavors.



Kevin Carey proved to be the lucky one at our Janaury meeting. He won a Folding Wading Staff and a Dave Whitlock Smallmouth mug.

Attend the February meeting at our new location and make a donation through the purshase of a raffle ticket, and your picture could be in the March Streamline as a raffle winner.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

March 12th- Annual Fly-Tying Event at the Green Country Fly Company in Owasso

March 21st - Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

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